

CHICAGO CAR BARN BANDITS EXECUTED ON SCAFFOLD

For Crimes Never Paralleled in Chicago's History--For Murderous Ferocity and Mercilessness, Penalty of the Law is Enacted on Three Young Desperadoes.

Neidermyer is Hanged Separately Owing to His weakness from Attempt at Suicide--Marx and Vandine were then Marched to the Gallows and Hanged.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., April 22--The car barn bandits passed a sleepless night. Owing to Neidermyer's weakness it was deemed advisable to have his execution separate. He has continued to refuse all spiritual advice. Marx and Vandine spent their last hours in reading, writing and praying. Several priests were with them. It was announced that Neidermyer would be hanged first, then Marx and Vandine last.

The death warrant was read to Neidermyer and the march to the scaffold began shortly after ten o'clock. Neidermyer was hanged at 10:35. He was carried to the gallows and placed in the chair, handcuffed and his legs strapped. The chair fell with the drop. In twenty minutes the body was taken down.

Before the gallows Neidermyer was asked if, like his companions, he wished to have the sacrament administered, and he answered no, that he wanted no priest to follow him to the gallows. When the drop fell the shroud on Neidermyer's body fell, revealing his horrifying struggles. No such spectacle was witnessed with Marx or Van Dine. Marx was hanged at 11:17 o'clock. He made no statement and met death bravely but defiantly.

Van Dine was hanged at 11:55, without particular incident.

Both repeated prayers with priests on the scaffold.

The hanging of the youthful car barn bandits followed closely a period of crime of less than six months. In that time eight murders were committed, all attendant upon robberies or efforts to escape arrest.

It was during an attempt to escape on a stolen train after an extraordinary battle in the swamps of northern Indiana, just east of Chicago, that on November 27, of last year, the capture of the gang was completed by the arrest of Neidermyer, Van Dine and Emil Roeski, their associate, Marx having already been captured behind the bars to await trial.

The specific offense for which Van Dine, Neidermyer and Marx were tried and sentenced was the murder of Frank Stewart, a clerk in the Chicago City Railway car barns, during a robbery there on the morning of August 30, 1903. James B. Johnson, a motorman, was also killed, and two persons were wounded. The bandits escaped after having secured \$2,240. Roeski was not concerned in this crime, but, after the conviction of his companions, was tried separately for one of the murders in which he was accused the principal.

On January 6 the trial of Neidermyer, Van Dine and Marx, who had been indicted the day after the capture, began. But little testimony favorable to them was offered. No defense at all was made for Neidermyer.

In the case of Van Dine evidence was introduced to show that he had been since birth afflicted with a form of epilepsy, which had made him irresponsible. The state introduced expert testimony to the effect that Van Dine was mentally responsible when he took part in the deliberately planned crimes.

A plea for clemency for Marx was made on the ground that his confession had led to the capture of his companions. The case went to the jury March 11, and the next day Marx, Neidermyer and Van Dine were found guilty. Hanging was the punishment fixed by the jury.

The aged mothers of Marx, Neidermyer and Van Dine were in court during the progress of the trial, as were the widows of some of the men who had been slain, and there were a number of impressive scenes connected with the hearings in the case. None of the bandits had yet reached the age of twenty-five years.

Following are the names of persons they were known to have murdered: Bander, Otto, in saloon of Ernest Spies, July 9, 1903.

Lafayette, Benjamin C., in his saloon, August 1, 1903.

Johnson, Adolph, in saloon of Benjamin

In La Gross, August 1, 1903.

Johnson, J. B., motorman, in robbery of Chicago City Railway car barns, August 30, 1903.

Stewart, Frank, clerk, in robbery of Chicago City Railway car barns, August 30, 1903.

Quinn, John, detective, while trying to arrest Marx, November 21, 1903.

Driscoll, J. D., detective, wounded by Neidermyer in fight at dugout, November 27, 1903; died December 1, 1903.

Sovia, John, brakeman, when bandits stole train in Indiana, November 27, 1903

TRYING TO BUY WARSHIPS

It Is Reported That Russia Is Negotiating With Greece and Argentina For Purchase of Ships For Her Navy.

By Associated Press.

Paris, France, April 22--Officials have information that Russia is negotiating with Greece and Argentina for warships. It is not likely that she will be successful with Greece. The question of price will determine the dealings with Argentina.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., April 22--The President has sent to the Senate the following appointments as postmasters: West Virginia, Albert G. Holts, Kenova; Indiana, Henry Wood, Loogootee; Ohio, Louis A. Koons, Massillon.

MISS WILLIARD COMING IN "THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE"

Another excellent attraction has just been booked by the management of the Trade-Grand opera house. Miss Katherine Willard will appear here in Edward C. White's superb production of Theodore Kremer's four-act romantic drama, "The Power Behind the Throne," on Friday evening, April 29. Mr. White has provided a strong and evenly balanced company in support of Miss Willard and a fine performance is to be anticipated.

ALLEGED DESERTER ARRESTED

At Lumberport and Brought to Jail Here to Await Identification by Local Recruiting Officer.

Thomas Jones was arrested at Lumberport Thursday night by the town sergeant of that town, assisted by Lloyd Rogers, deputized to help the officer. The arrest was made on the charge of desertion from the United States army. They found him at the railroad depot. As soon as the night train on the Short Line came along he was placed aboard and brought to jail here by the officer and his deputy to await identification by Sergeant George W. Hawthorne, of the local recruiting station. Jones enlisted from this county within the past year.

SENTENCE AFFIRMED BY APPEAL COURT

Frankfort, Ky., April 22--The Court of Appeals to-day affirmed the life sentence of James Howard for killing William Goebel. It was the third trial, sentence and appeal.

LOT SALE AT BRIDGEPORT.

Attorney W. Frank Stout, as special commissioner, will sell at public auction to-morrow at Bridgeport thirty-seven building lots of the Henry Ross property in that town. The property is in the center of the town and is very desirable. Investors will doubtless attend from this city.

REFeree CONFIRMED

By the Decree of Judge Jackson in a Noted Bankrupt Case--Berryburg Merchant Fined.

In federal court Thursday afternoon M. H. Cohen, the Berryburg merchant, convicted of violating the internal revenue laws July 5 last, by selling a half gallon of wine to parties in his store was fined \$100 and costs. No jail sentence was imposed.

Friday morning's session was devoted mostly to the consideration of the petition of the Baltimore Bargain House against Reuben Javitch, in bankruptcy. A decree was handed down confirming Referee W. Frank Stout's decision in the case in every particular.

The court adjourned at the noon hour until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. The term is not a very busy one and is likely to adjourn sine die to-morrow.

KINCHELOE DEVELOPMENT

Is Showing Up Good--Twenty Barrel Well on Hill Farm in That Section--News From Other Developments.

On Kinchloe creek, this county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its second test on the J. M. Hill farm into the fifth sand and has a show for a 20 barrel producer in that formation. In the Salem district, the same company has drilled its No. 18 on the L. Haymond farm, through the Gordon sand and the hole has filled up 1,000 feet with oil. It will be given a shot and may improve the outlook.

In the Folsom district, the same company has completed its No. 3 on the Jesse Ashcraft farm and has a natural producer good for 50 barrels a day. The test on the Ashcraft farm and Robinson farm has been completed and it is producing 100 barrels a day natural from the Gordon sand.

Jesse Ashcraft, No. 2, is producing 200 barrels; No. 3, C. E. Robinson, 175 barrels; No. 4, Gene Robinson, 115 barrels; and No. 5, M. P. Dye, 130 barrels a day.

In the Folsom district the same company's test well on the Lucy Bennett farm is through the Gordon sand and has a little oil.

G. W. Talkington, No. 8, has been drilled into the Gordon sand and the hole has filled up 2,500 feet with oil.

In the Salem district, the South Penn has drilled its test on the W. L. Steel farm 16 feet into the stray sand and has developed no oil.

BOMBARDMENT UNCONFIRMED

Russian Government Has Received Nothing to Confirm Report of Bombardment of New Chwang or Landing of Japanese Troops.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, April 22--The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the Russian government has received nothing to confirm the report of a bombardment of New Chwang or the landing of Japanese troops in that vicinity.

HANDSOME RESIDENCE BEING ERECTED

A force of men is at work on the foundation of the handsome residence J. D. McCreynolds is having built on his property at the corner of Mulberry and Sycamore streets. The residence will be large and commodious and one of the handsomest in the city.

EXECUTED WITH RIFLES

Wife Murdered Shot to Death by Five Guards in Yards of State Penitentiary.

By Associated Press.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 22--Frank Rose, the wife murdered, was shot to death in the yard of the State penitentiary here to-day. Death was instantaneous. Five guards shot one rifle having a blank cartridge and four which were loaded with lead bullets.

OFFICERS OF CONGRESS DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., April 22--The Indiana State delegation to the Congress of Daughters of the Revolution have appointed as Regent and Vice Regent, Mrs. James M. Fowler and Mrs. Robert S. Robertson, respectively.

Lafayette Blake, of Mt. Clare, spent Friday afternoon in the city.

DISTRICT MEETING OF K. OF P.

LARGELY ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF OUT-OF-CITY LODGES, AS WELL AS LOCALLY.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE ORDER DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED AND ROUSING SPEECHES MADE.

By Special Dispensation All Three Degrees Were Conferred in One Night on a Candidate--Enjoyable Smoker Indulged in at Close of Meeting.

The district meeting of the Knights of Pythias lodge here came to a close at Thursday night's session in the castle hall of the lodge.

At the afternoon session at three o'clock there was an excellent attendance and many questions of importance to the order were considered and discussed and some enthusiastic speeches made. The condition of the order in this section of the state was reviewed and satisfactory and encouraging reports made. These reports showed the order to be in a flourishing and rapidly growing condition.

The night session was principally occupied by degree work by the Fairmont degree team, or rather the degree team from the Mountain City lodge. Among the exercises of the evening was the initiation of L. B. Griffith, of Adamston. The three degrees were conferred upon him by special dispensation.

Two Grand officers were present, namely, S. A. Posten, supreme representative to the Supreme lodge, and Maner Jenkins, grand keeper of records and seals, of Peidmont. They took part in the proceedings of the meeting and the instructions they gave was much appreciated.

The meeting resulted in much good to the order from the standpoint of creating still greater interest and earnestness in the objects of the Pythians and a stimulus for advancing and widening influence.

After the ceremonies a smoker was given, which was very enjoyable to all who were present.

Those in attendance besides the many members of the local lodge were John O. Richardson, W. R. Hickman, J. S. Price, John O. Morgan, H. C. D. Shields, M. C. Neely, E. B. Carskadon, W. T. Swiger, C. L. Martin, C. F. Randall, E. O. Kelley, Jacob F. Straight, A. H. Hunsake, J. C. Miller, R. L. Fleming, R. H. Dunnington and W. H. Spragg, all of Fairmont lodge, No. 48; C. L. Smith, W. F. Harbert and W. J. S. Harner, of Shinnston lodge, No. 52; James W. Waller and J. P. Lyon, of Rosemont lodge No. 120; B. S. Young, Columbus McPherson, Edwin Starcher, J. E. Battison, and J. M. Davis, of Johnstown; W. C. Murray, of No. 72, Monongah; E. S. Morrow, of Ohio; J. S. Porter, of Morgantown; Samuel Reinheimer, of Cameron; Clayton Bond, of Salem; John F. Johnson, of Craigmoor; M. S. Blair, of Belington; George F. James, of Spencer, Ohio; B. C. Brunshaber, of Dayton, Ohio; Bruce Goodwin, F. S. McDermott, O. H. Stout and E. L. Everhart, of Tryonville; A. A. Cather, of Auburn No. 47; E. M. Caruthers, of No. 40, Poca; R. Johnson, No. 34, Ronceverte; C. H. Wolfe, Martinsburg; R. E. Carrio and L. B. Rightmeyer, Rowlesburg; Maner Jenkins, Peidmont; C. C. Vanderhoff and R. E. Brown, of Buckhannon; W. A. Curry, Grafton; M. F. McBride, W. A. Seitz, Owen Kraft, A. A. Warren and R. L. Zinn, of Weston.

HEARST AFTER KNOX.

Charges Him With Failure to Proceed Against Anthracite Railways on Hearst Evidence.

Washington, D. C., April 22--Congressman Hearst made an argument of an hour before the House judiciary committee to-day charging Attorney General Knox with refusing to proceed against the anthracite railways, under the Sherman anti-trust act, on the evidence which Hearst has secured.

MRS. HESS IS DOWN WITH TONSILLITIS

Mrs. James N. Hess is bed fast at her home on Mulberry street with tonsillitis, which is the result of nursing her two children who are sick with the fever. The children are getting along very nicely and they will recover in due course of time.

BANKERS SENTENCED.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., April 22--James L. Broderick, president, and W. L. Collins, cashier, of the Indiana National Bank, at Elkhart, Ind., under their plea of guilty to causing the failure of the bank for \$642,000, have been sentenced. Broderick for ten years, and Collins for six.

RECOVERING FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS

Ruth, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus McClung, who has been very ill for some time past with spinal meningitis, is slowly recovering, which news the friends of the family will be glad to hear.

THE GRAIN MARKET.
By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., April 22--Wheat 88 1/2, corn 47 1/2, oats 36 1/2.

HERTZOG IS GUILTY

Of Murder in First Degree and Life Imprisonment in Penitentiary is Recommended.

Grant G. Hertzog was convicted a second time at Hrafton Thursday afternoon in the circuit court. The verdict was for murder in the first degree and recommended life imprisonment. He was charged with killing John Russell in a drunken brawl a year or so ago at Simpson, and had been serving time in the penitentiary, when a writ of error was granted and he was taken back to Grafton for a new trial. A motion was made for a new trial but this will not prevail and he will be sent to the penitentiary for life. Russell formerly lived at Grassland, this county.

VETERAN INQUIRIES

About Clarksburg in Letter to Telegram--Has Not Been Here Since the War and Supposed There Are Some Big Changes.

H. B. Longsdorf, of Herndon, Pa., writes here for information about Clarksburg, and then adds:

"In 1865 I was a soldier of the Union of Federal army. We quartered right across the stream at some unoccupied dwelling houses. Some of us quartered in a vacant seminary near the stream. Is that seminary in use again? I was also several times in your court house, and in the printing office. I used to read the paper regularly when I was there. We were also at Beverly, Peidmont, Bloomington, Grafton and Wheeling. I suppose by this time your town has almost become a city."

SMALL POX PREVENTS VISITORS AT INDUSTRIAL HOME

H. M. Dungan, superintendent of the Industrial Home for Girls, at Salem, has given notice that, owing to the prevalence of small pox in that section of the county, no visitors will be admitted to the institution until further notice by him.

STARVING STOCK

Owned by Henry Forsythe, the Recluse, Taken Charge of by Humane Officer Benjamin Brown Stout.

Henry Forsythe, the recluse, that resides alone in his cottage on a small farm on Ann Moore's run, will be looked after by Humane Officer Benjamin Brown Stout, as well as his cattle and horses. Mr. Forsythe is very aged and infirm and has neglected his live stock until some of them are almost helpless. The officer has already taken charge of the stock and will care for them until they can be turned out to pasture. He will also make an effort to have a committee appointed for Forsythe. The latter's brother has offered to take care of him but he declines such a favor.

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FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN HOTEL ROOM

Fireman J. D. Westfall of Coal Train Stricken With Apoplexy of a Fatal Character--Efforts of Physicians Fail to Restore Him to Consciousness.

Taken by His Father to Their Home in Weston in that State--Worked all the Day Before Without Food or Drink, but was Not Known to be Much Sick--Physician Gives Him Up.

WILL PREACH AT HARRISVILLE.

Rev. L. E. Peters, the Baptist missionary, leaves Saturday morning for Harrisville, Ritchie county. He will conduct the Sunday school meeting at the Baptist church there and will fill the pulpit at morning and evening church services.

FAMILY OF SUICIDES

Have Resided at Fairmont--Last Member Visits Sister's Grave and Drinks Large Dose of Poisoned Whiskey.

Fairmont, W. Va., April 22--Maude Jones, aged twenty-six, visited the grave of her sister at Maple Grove cemetery last evening at 7:30 and kneeling before the grave she drank a pint and a half of poisoned whiskey. Then pulling a revolver from her dress she fired two shots, but being nervous from the effect of the whiskey the shots missed.

The police brought the woman to the city jail in a precarious condition. She is the last one of a family of four to commit suicide. The sister at whose grave she was found, blew her brains out last winter. The father and mother were both suicides.

MINE SUPERINTENDENTS WILL MEET TO-NIGHT

A meeting of the mine superintendents of the Clarksburg Fuel Company and the Fairmont Coal Company will be held at Fairmont to-night. J. O. Brooks, general superintendent of the first named company and all the mine superintendents in the two districts will attend, besides other officials of both companies. Reports of the condition of the mines will be made and other matters pertaining to the operation of the mines looked after.

THIEVES EMPTIED HEN HOUSE.

Thieves broke into the hen house of J. T. Castro, on the Golf farm, north of this city, Thursday night sometime and carried off about thirty fine chickens, not leaving one. A stranger sold several of them at the Glen Elk hotel the next morning. There is no clue.

STREET CAR

Wan Over and Killed a Frisky Colt Which Broke Out of a Lot on the Point Comfort Incline Friday Morning--Car is Derailed and Passengers Shaken Up.

Street car No. 9, of the local street car system ran into a horse while running in an easterly direction down the hill at Point Comfort Friday morning, killing it. The animal was a frisky colt belonging to John Jackson. It was grazing in a lot fronting the street and when the car started down the hill it broke out of the lot and ran in front of the car. The animal was knocked down and run over. The car was derailed. The horse was cut to pieces. Mortimer Wyckoff and Conductor Stout were in charge of the car. The accident caused a half hour's delay in the running of the cars. Mr. Jackson went to the company's office at the Adamston car barn but said he did not attach any blame to the men in charge of the street car as the affair was purely of an accidental nature. The passengers on the car were badly shaken up by the force of the collision and badly frightened.

FEVER PATIENT BROUGHT HERE FROM FOLSOM

Benjamin Fisher, of Folsom, was brought to this city on the Short Line train Thursday and taken to the Kessler hospital to undergo treatment. He has typhoid fever.

MASSACHUSETTS FOR OLNEY.

By Associated Press.
Boston, Mass., April 22--The Democratic State convention adopted resolutions instructing delegates to vote for Richard Olney for President.

J. D. Westfall was found in an unconscious state in his room in the Stotter hotel in Glen Elk shortly before midnight Thursday and at eleven o'clock the next morning he was still in that state, with every indication that he would not recover.

Westfall is a fireman on a freight train of the West Virginia & Pittsburg railroad, which is known as a coal train. He took his run as usual Thursday, starting out about four o'clock in the morning and returning to the boarding house shortly before supper time. He went immediately to his room but did not return for supper. At last the occupants of the hotel became alarmed and went in search of him. They found him lying on his bed in the state already described. At first it was thought he was sleeping but efforts to awake him failed. A physician was then hurriedly summoned and he was given attention throughout the night but the treatment did not result in restoring consciousness. The unfortunate man's father at Weston was notified and he came down on the morning train and took him home on the trail that leaves here shortly before eleven o'clock.

The breakfast and dinner that had been prepared for him and placed in his dinner pail for Thursday remained untouched as an examination of the bucket showed, and it is believed he was sick throughout the day but remained bravely at his post.

The attending physician was of the opinion that he had a hemorrhage of the brain, or in other words, apoplexy. He pronounced the case finally as practically hopeless.

Westfall is eighteen years of age and single.

MR. EVERSON IS DEAD

Passes Away at Home of His Daughter at Industrial, Near Salem--Burial at Shinnston.

The remains of Washington Everson were taken from Industrial to Shinnston Friday and buried at the latter place on the same day. He died at the home of his son-in-law, William Haltz, at Industrial, near Salem, April 20, at the age of 80 years. The deceased was a life long resident of Clay district, but had gone to Industrial to live with his daughter. He was the father of Jefferson Everson of this city. Other surviving sons are Robert James and Benjamin Everson. The wife is also dead. Two daughters also survive.

RAILROAD BLUE PRINTS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED

Blue prints of the route of the railroad up Elk creek from Industrial to the grounds of the West Virginia Fair Association have been made and submitted by Engineer Curtis, of the Baltimore & Ohio surveying forces to the directors of the fair association for examination. There is every assurance that the company will proceed at once to construct the road.

BOY SENT BACK TO MOTHER.

Humane Officer B. B. Stout will send little George Gardner on the Saturday morning train to Wheeling, where the State Humane Society will deliver him to his mother. He was sent some time ago by the State society to the home of George W. Washburn, at Good Hope, but his mother has recovered from injuries and requests the society to give back her son.